

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A unit dose package comprising ~~a flexible paperboard or plastic portion formed as a series of contiguous panels having attached thereto a locking element including a lock element and a release element~~

- a) a foldable portion formed as a series of contiguous panels and comprising:
 - (i) a top panel having an extension foldable in relation to the top panel; the extension having included thereon one or more blisters for holding unit dose materials; and the top panel and extension panel each having one or more slots near one edge thereof;
 - (ii) a bottom panel foldably connected to the top panel and having a depression means located therein;
 - (iii) a side panel foldably connected to the top panel and the bottom panel; and
- b) a molded locking element disposed on said foldable portion.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A unit dose package according to claim 1 further comprising a ~~structure for containing unit doses within the package interior~~ unit dose containing element disposed in or on said package.

Claim 3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): A unit dose package according to claim 3 1 wherein the molded plastic locking element comprises:

- a) a pair of side panels and a pair of end panels forming a rigid rectangular package frame;
- b) a frame base positioned parallel to and against the bottom panel of the paperboard portion to form a rigid tray;

- c) a slidable locking tongue within the tray; said locking tongue having located at one end a trigger mechanism, and having located at the other end a curved dowel; and
- d) a locking flap attached to one end panel of the package frame; said locking flap comprising a dependent tab protruding downward and perpendicularly therefrom and engageable with the curved dowel;

wherein the depression means of the paperboard portion corresponds with the trigger mechanism of the molded plastic locking element;

and the slots in the top panel and the extension panel of the paperboard portion cooperate to form a slot for passthrough of the dependent tab ~~of the locking mechanism.~~

5. (original): The unit dose package of claim 4 wherein the curved dowel comprises a lateral tab protruding perpendicularly therefrom, and the dependent tab of the locking flap further comprises a slot within said tab for engagement of the lateral tab.

6. (original): The unit dose package of claim 4 wherein the depression means is a button, notch, tab or cutout.

7. (original): The unit dose package of claim 4 wherein the trigger mechanism is a pull ring.

8. (currently amended): The unit dose package of claim ~~4~~ 21 wherein the paperboard ~~portion~~ is formed from C1S or C2S bleached or unbleached paperboard.

9. (currently amended): The unit dose package of claim ~~8~~ 21 wherein the paperboard ~~portion~~ is laminated with a polymeric material.

Claims 10-20 (canceled).

21. (new): A unit dose package according to claim 1, wherein the foldable portion is manufactured from paperboard or a foldable plastic material.

22. (new): A unit dose package according to claim 2, wherein the unit dose containing element is selected from the group consisting of blisters, pouches and foil inserts.

23. (new): A unit dose package according to claim 2, wherein one or more blisters are mounted on said foldable portion.

24. (new): A unit dose package according to claim 2 wherein the unit dose containing element is attached to said foldable portion.

25. (new): A unit dose package according to claim 24 wherein the unit dose containing element is mounted on one or more extensions of said top panel.

26. (new): A unit dose package according to claim 2 wherein the unit dose containing element is inserted into the package as a separate element when the package is in a folded and closed configuration.

27. (new): A unit dose package according to claim 1 wherein the molded locking element comprises:

- (a) a lock element including a frame, a slidable locking tongue and a locking flap; and
- (b) a lock release element.

28. (new): A unit dose package according to claim 27 wherein the frame comprises panels forming a polygonal package frame, and a frame base that is defined to accommodate the locking tongue.

29. (new): A unit dose package according to claim 27 wherein the frame includes two side panels and two end panels connected to form a rectangular frame, the end panels being of lesser height and length in relation to the side panels; and wherein one of said end panels provides a point of attachment for the locking flap.

30. (new): A unit dose package according to claim 27 wherein the locking tongue is terminated at one end by a pull ring.

31. (new): A unit dose package according to claim 1 wherein the molded locking element is formed from a rigid plastic material and a flexible plastic material.